

Story 1237 (1988 Tape 11)

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Nasreddin Hoca's Credibility

One day one of Nasreddin Hoca's neighbors came to his house and asked to borrow his donkey. The Hoca, however, was unwilling to lend his donkey. He said to the neighbor, "My donkey is not here."

But while the two men continued talking with each other, the donkey brayed loudly. Upon hearing this sound, the neighbor said angrily, "What was that, Hoca? It sounds as if your donkey is indeed here!"

Still unwilling to lend his donkey, the Hoca retorted angrily, "Whom are you more willing to believe--a donkey or me?"